

CASE: 1236

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

14 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER A DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF DECEASED U.S. AIRMEN, BURIED, NEED TO LOCATE REMAINS." THIS DOCUMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. LIST OF 84 CASES FOR WHICH U.S. ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. EACH CASE ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF COMMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE CASE. ENTRY NUMBER 32 ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT CORRELATED WITH REFNO 1236. (REF 8)

15 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER A DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF DECEASED U.S. SOLDIERS THAT WERE BURIED (GRAVE SITE UNDETERMINED)." EACH CASE ON THE LIST WAS FOLLOWED BY THE COMMENT "BURIAL SITE CANNOT BE LOCATED; CONCLUDED THAT GRAVE SITE INDETERMINABLE." ENTRY NUMBER 56 ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT CORRELATED WITH REFNO 1236. MOST OF THE REFNOs LISTED ON THIS DOCUMENT APPEARED ON A U.S. LIST OF 84 CASES FOR WHICH U.S. ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (REF 8)

5 November 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGISTER OF U.S. LOSSES IN NGHE AN PROVINCE." LINE ENTRY #26 CORRELATES TO REFNO 1236-0-01 BASED ON PILOT'S NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND DATE AND LOCATION OF LOSS. (REF 9)

6 May 1994

ON 14 DECEMBER 1993, THE SRV PROVIDED SEVERAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE 84 CASES ASSIGNED TO THE JTF-FA SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT). ONE DOCUMENT TITLED, "LIST OF DECEASED AND BURIED U.S. AIRMEN WHOSE REMAINS NEED TO BE LOCATED", PROVIDES INFORMATION CORRELATING WITH REFNO 1236-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, INCIDENT DATE AND LOCATION OF LOSS. (REF 11)

10 May 1994

ON 14 DECEMBER 1993, THE SRV PROVIDED SEVERAL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO 84 CASES ASSIGNED TO THE JTF-FA SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT). ONE DOCUMENT TITLED, "LIST OF U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO DIED DURING THE WAR IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (REMAINS NOT RECOVERED)", PROVIDES INFORMATION CORRELATING TO REFNO 1236-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. (REF 11)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 DECEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1239-0-01 (ACCNO 6269)	Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: PATTON, WARD KARL	Date Status assigned: 5 Jan 1976	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit #
Service NAVY	Sex MALE	Blood type O -
Grade E6	Hair BROWN	Complexion #
SSAN	Eyes BROWN	Weapon #
Serial No DATA	Height 65 in /1.65 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date 18 Jan 1934	Weight 112 lb / 50.7 kg	Duty pos SEAMAN
Home State KANSAS	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48QXS248365
Lat/Long: 191906N / 1061116E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: BEN TRE
(formerly):
Mission District: CHO LACH
Mission Date: 27 Jul 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Sep 93
Investigations: Oct 93
Surveys: Oct 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE - INLAND WATER

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: BOAT	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: \$
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial: \$
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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CASE: 1239

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

16 December 1975

ON 27 JULY 1968 CS1 WARD K. PATTON WAS SERVING IN THE U.S. NAVY IN SOUTH VIETNAM. AT ABOUT 2235 HOURS HE WAS RETURNING TO HIS BOAT WHEN, IN THE PROCESS OF CROSSING FROM A BARGE TO THE DECK OF HIS BOAT, HE LOST HIS BALANCE AND FELL INTO THE RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XS 248 365. EXTENSIVE SEARCHES WERE MADE BY BOATS AND HELICOPTERS OF THE SITE, DOWN STREAM FROM THE SITE, AND ALONG ADJACENT RIVER BANKS. THE UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH EFFORTS WERE SUSPENDED AT 0600 HOURS ON 28 JULY. (REF 1 & 2)

GENERAL PUBCOM WAS DISTRIBUTED ALONG ACCESSIBLE RIVER BANKS, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR LEADS RESULTED. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. CS1 PATTON IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

16 December 1975

REFERENCES USED: <1> MSG COMNAVSUPPACT SGN 280040Z JUL 68. <2> MSG COMNAVSUPPACT SGN 070152Z AUG 68. <3> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH, 200247Z NOV 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

18 October 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR CASE 1239-0-01 WAS PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 29 SEP 93 COORDINATION MEETING.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

7 December 1993

ON 28 OCT 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1239 IN CHO LACH DISTRICT, BEN TRE PROVINCE. ON 26 OCT 93, THE VIETNAMESE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM INFORMED U.S. TEAM MEMBERS THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WITNESSES RELATED TO CASE 1239. THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND CANVASSED SURROUNDING VILLAGES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 3)



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NARRATIVE

ON 27 JULY 1968, PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS WARD K. PATTON WAS RETURNING TO HIS BOAT WHEN, IN THE PROCESS OF CROSSING FROM A BARGE TO THE DECK OF HIS BOAT, HE LOST HIS BALANCE AND FELL INTO THE HAM LUONG RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XS248365, APPROXIMATELY 3 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF CHO LACH, BEN TRE PROVINCE. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY BUT PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS PATTON WAS NOT LOCATED.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: PATTON, WARD KARL
RANK: PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS, U.S. NAVY
DATE OF BIRTH: 18 JANUARY 1934
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.65 METERS
WEIGHT: 50.7 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN

PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE
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29 SEP 93 COORDINATION MEETING

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Vụ số 1239-0-01

Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 27 tháng 7 1968, Trung sĩ nhất(Hải quân) Ward K. Patton
về tàu của anh ấy và, lúc nào đi xuống từ một sà-lan vào tàu, mất thăng
bằng và rơi xuống sông Hàm Luông ở khu phụ cận tọa độ XS248365, khoảng 3
cây số về phía đông bắc của Chợ Lách, tỉnh Bến Tre. Sự tìm kiếm đã được
khởi đầu ngay nhưng không tìm thấy Trung sĩ nhất Patton.

Số liệu thích hợp như sau:

Họ và tên: Patton, Ward Karl
Cấp bậc: Trung sĩ nhất, Hải Quân Hoa Kỳ
Ngày sinh: Ngày 18 tháng 1 năm 1934
Chủng tộc: Da trắng
Chiều cao: 1 thước 65
Cân nặng: 50 kí 7
Màu tóc: Nâu
Màu mắt: Nâu

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 JUNE 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1241-0-01 (ACCNO 0501) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: BEYER, THOMAS JOHN Date Status assigned: 2 May 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A -
Grade	O3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	#	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	003155630	Height	73 in /1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	10 Mar 1941	Weight	173 lb / 78.4 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	NO. DAKOTA	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48PZC195125
Lat/Long: 152816N / 1075840E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly):
Mission District: PHUOC SON
Mission Date: 30 Jul 1968 1545L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Apr 93
Investigations: Apr 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: 02A	Serial: 6891
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: I0360D
Call Sign: HELIX 15	1 Serial: 55426-8
Year: 68	2 Serial: 56305-8

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